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INFO AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

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AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

AMEMBASSY BONN

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AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES

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AMEMBASSY HELSINKI

AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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AMEMBASSY TOKYO

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AMEMBASSY WARSAW

AMCONSUL GENOA

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USUN NEW YORK 2322

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LONDON PASS USDEL TO MSC

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EWWT, SENV, INCO, NI

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION INITIATIVE ON MARINE OIL POLLUTION

REF: A) STATE 796375, B) STATE 66771, C) STATE 60283, D) STATE A-1345

1. PRIOR RECEIPT REFTEL B, EMBASSY REPRODUCED PUBLIC STATEMENT ISSUED MARCH 17 BY PRESIDENT CARTER (REFTEL C) AND DELIVERED COPIES ON MARCH 22 TO MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT (DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SHIPPING); MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (DEPUTY DIRECTOR ECONOMIC DEPARTMENT); MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM RESOURCES (DIRECTOR FOR PETROLEUM RESOURCES); AND NIGERIAN INSTITUTE FOR OCEANOGRAPHY AND MARINE RESEARCH (NIOMR), (DIRECTOR).

2. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTEL A, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR AND PETROLOFF CALLED ON E.O. BAYABONA, DIRECTOR NIOMR, TO DISCUSS TALKING POINTS IN REFTEL B, LEAVE COPY FOF BACKGROUND INFORMATION FROM REFAIR D, AND ELICIT REACTIONS TO PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE.

3. BAYAGBONA SAID IT HARD TO SEE HOW ANY COUNTRY COULD FIND ANYTHING WRONG WITH ADMINISTRATION'S INITIATIVE; HE HAD HIGHEST REGARD FOR U.S. SCIENTIFIC COMPETENCE IN FIELD OF ENVIRONMENT AND MARINE POLLUTION AND THEREFORE WAS SURE INITIATIVE BASED ON SOUND TECHNICAL GROUNDS. HOWEVER, HE ALSO SURE THAT SOME LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNTRIES WITH VESTED ECONOMIC INTERESTS IN LESS RESTRICTIVE MARINE POLLUTION REGULATIONS WOULD OPPOSE INITIATIVE IN INTERNATIONAL FORA. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED LIBERIA. WHEN ASKED WHICH SIDE NIGERIA WOULD BE LIKELY TO SUPPORT IF IT CAME DOWN TO A CONFRONTATION BETWEEN LIBERIA, AN AFRICAN BROTHER STATE, AND THE U.S. OVER THIS ISSUE, BAYAGBONA RESPONDED THAT HE BELIEVES NIGERIA IS GENERALLY IN FAVOR OF TIGHTER REGULATIONS ON MARINE POLLUTION.

4. BAYAGBONA FOUND TALKING POINTS INCLUDING PROPOSED ACCELERATED SCHEDULE OF IMCO MEETINGS AND SPECIAL MSC-MEPC JOINT SESSION "WELCOME."

5. BAYAGBONA WANTED TO KNOW IF USG INTENDED TO BRING UP MARINE POLLUTION INITIATIVE AT LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE WHICH BEGINS MAY 23, SAME DAY AS IMCO COUNCIL. HE SAID ISSUE OF PROTECTION OF MARINE ENVIRONMENT DISCUSSED AT LAST LOS MEETING, AND REFERRED TO REVISED SINGLE NNEGOTIATING TEXT ARTICLE DEALING WITH COMMITTEE III. BAYAGBONA, WHO WILL ATTEND NEXT LOS CONFERENCE, ALSO SAID HE SURE

THAT SOME COUNTRIES WILL RAISE QUESTION OF IMCO VERSUS NATIONAL  
ACTION ON MARINE POLLUTION AT LOS.

6. EMBOFFS CALLING ON OTHER FMG OFFICIALS DURING COURSE OF WEEK  
AND WILL REPORT REACTIONS.  
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